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NOTIFICATION

India is a signatory to United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,2016 has been enacted by the Government of India in line with spirit of this Convention. The Act enshrines the right of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to live with respect and dignity. Use of the words such as "vikalang" "disabled" "handicapped" etc. is perceived as an offence to PwDs and thus is contrary to the spirit of the Act/UNCPRD. It may be noted that in English text of the said Act, the phrase "persons with disabilities" has been used where as "Divyangjan" has been used in the Hindi text of the Act.

It has been noticed that the words such as "vikalang" "disabled" "handicapped" are still used while presenting papers, in communications, documents, scheme and programmes and also in the names of various NGOs and institutions/establishments. It is accordingly brought to the notice of all concerned that these and such words are not used and instead either "Persons with Disabilities" or "Divyangjan" is invariably used.

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Government of Tripura.

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